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1. FOR DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION EMBASSY RECEIVED YESTERDAY A GROUP OF TEN LETTERS WRITTEN BY AMERICAN CITIZENS, MEMBERS OF A GROUP OF NUNS TEMPORARILY PARTICIPATING IN A MISSIONARY STUDY COURSE AT PROGRESO, YORO. WRITERS ACCUSED THE EMBASSY OF LACK OF CONCERN REGARDING THE DISAPPEARANCE OF FR. CYPHER AND THE ARREST OF OTHER AMERICAN CATHOLIC WORKERS AND DEMANDED AMBASSADOR ACT TO OBTAIN RETURN OF THESE PERSONS TO THEIR WORK IN OLANCHO. MOST LETTERS STATED COPIES WOULD BE SENT TO THEIR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN.

2. CONOFF SPOKE TODAY WITH GROUP' LEADER SISTER SARAH THOMAS NEALE OF BALITMORE, MARYLAND AND EXPLAINED EMBASSY'S CONCERN AND ACTIONS TO DATE AS WELL AS LIMITATIONS. SISTER ADMITTED NO ONE IN HER GROUP HAD BEEN IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH EMBASSY BUT STATED THEY HAD "HEARD" FROM A HONDURAN NUN THAT EMBASSY WAS NOT ACTING. EMBASSY DRAFTING FURTHER REPLY TO LETTERS.

3. EMBASSY EXPECTS MORE SUCH LETTERS INCLUDING CONGRESSIONALS, BASED ON SIMILAR UNINFORMED SOURCES.

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